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**1870 Jackson County Mississippi Census**

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Post Office: Ocean Springs, 11 <sup>th</sup> day of July, 1870			C. T. Christy							
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316	348	BOZARGE	Emma	5	F	W			MS*	
	"		Lizzie	1	F	W			MS*	
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	"		Mary	15	F	W			MS	16-17
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	"		Martha	11	F	W			MS	16-17
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	"		Sampson?	35	M	B			MS	16-17
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	"		Mary	3	F	B			MS*	
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	"		Antoinette	18	F	W			MS	16-17
	"		Estelle	16	F	W			MS	16-17
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	"		Adelle	10	F	W			MS	16-17
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**Editor's Note:** Added information such as wife's maiden name, is taken from the family files of the Pascagoula Library. Most are proven. Please consider this added information as clues, to be verified.

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## 2 Counties' Soil Staffs Are United

Pas Is Headquarters For Jackson-Harrison Under New Program

Consolidation of the soil conservation district staffs of Jackson and Harrison Counties was announced this week by Jim Ramsay, Pascagoula, and Sam Stewart, Gulfport, board chairmen of the two county commissions.

Under the new setup, work unit headquarters will be located at Pascagoula with L. O. Stamps, Pascagoula, in charge.

A woodland conservation post has been created and will be filled by D. E. Post, Gulfport. He will work from a subdistrict office in Gulfport.

Changes in staffing will result in a broadened area of operation for the two counties with no changes in residence necessary to carry out the reorganization.

The changes were made to bring soil conservation service staffing more in line with local needs based on land-use pattern maps of the two-county area, commission heads said.

It will provide coordinated action in developing the potential in forestry and woodland range management and will make more technical assistance available in carrying out soil and water conservation plans.

Other personnel making up the Pascagoula work unit staff are Theodore R. Manager, conservation aid assigned to work in Jackson County, and Marshall K. Reeves, conservation aid who will work in Harrison County.

### Last Rites Friday For Mrs. Busby, 66

Mrs. Gertrude B. Busby, 66, of Orange Grove, died at 5:30 a.m. Thursday at County Hospital where she had been a patient for 12 hours. She was a native of Alabama.

Funeral services were conducted Friday by Fails Funeral Home in Wayne County at the White House Cemetery, with interment in the White House Cemetery.

She is survived by two sons, Bill of Lucedale and R. V. of Laurel; three daughters, Maudie Gladys Williams, Coden, Ala., Lorine Cochran, Orange Grove, and Corinne Cochran, Laurel.

Two sisters, Maudie A. C. Williams, Robertsdale, Ala., and Annie Malone, Richton, and nine grandchildren.



Horace Henley And Wife In Happier Days

### Patriotic, Economic Christmas Gifts Are Available To All At Post Offices



### W. W. Rice Named Shrine Club Head

W. W. Rice is the new president of the Jackson County Shrine Club.

He will assume office at a dinner Jan. 3, succeeding James Colahan of Pascagoula.

Other new officers are George Hollister, Pascagoula, vice pres-

There's a solution for indecent grandparents and aunts and uncles who wonder just what to give the small fry on their lists for Christmas gifts.

The treasury department, through the post office, has a suggestion for a modest priced gift that carries a lesson in thrift, forming a good habit and helping the country.

Gift books of United States saving stamps are on sale at the Pascagoula post office, postmaster Arthur V. Smith said.

They are available in books of \$2.50 and \$5. values, one containing 10, 25-cent stamps, the other 20. There is no charge for the book itself.

This is a new red, white and blue issue, Smith said, and marks the first time savings stamps have been printed in more than one color. The new stamp features the Minute Man, as do the old green stamps, and the American flag has been added to the background.

At present, only the 25-cent denominations will appear in the patriotic three-color theme. However, all other savings stamps will continue to be sold. For those who hold the old-style stamps, Smith said, don't worry. They are as good as ever.

Ident. and B. H. Russell, Pascagoula secretary-treasurer.

A full slate of social events will be planned for 1959, Rice said today.

The installation meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. at Cotita's.

### Pleasure Trip Ends In Tragedy Friday For Ingalls Worker

The Coast Guard continued a search Monday for a 36-year-old Pascagoula man missing since Friday from a fishing boat.

He was identified as Horace Henley, 36, of 417 Polk Avenue.

Henley, according to police, vanished from the fishing boat "Harbor Light" some time Friday night during a fishing trip with his wife and two friends.

The two friends were identified as Buck Wattle, owner of the boat, and Cal Nelms, 38, of 312 W. Ford Avenue.

Nelms told police Henley walked from the boat's cabin some time between 6 and 6:15 p.m. and was "never seen since."

The boat was seven miles south of the pass when Henley was discovered missing.

I can't understand it," said Nelms. "He just walked out of the door, and that was it."

"A few times during the night he played tricks on us. He'd hide and make like he fell over board. We didn't pay him any mind. He was drinking and just having a little fun."

"We were all in the cabin this time. Buck and Henley's wife, Boots, and myself were eating a sandwich and drinking a beer."

Nelms said Henley's wife called for him, but got no answer, so he started searching the boat.

"Where we found him this time," said Nelms. "He was hiding under a table! His wife got a little mad. She told him to stop acting like a kid."

Nelms said Henley came from under the table and in a playful mood put his hand on his wife's shoulder and said, "Good bye, Boots."

"He told her good bye, and walked out the door. That was the last time we saw him."

Police believe Henley accidentally stepped into the boat into the water.

A Coast Guard spokesman said the body has been the object of a three-day search which will continue until later in the week.

Henley was employed by Ingalls and had been a resident of Pascagoula for the past two years.

He is survived also by a three-year-old son Harold and a brother O. B. Henley of Pascagoula.

Mrs. Henley and her small son, still shaken from Friday's tragedy, left Monday for Daisetta, Tex., where she plans to live with relatives.

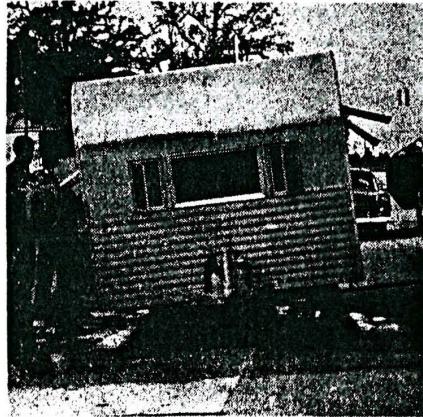
### Two Are Charged In Fire Aftermath At Goula House

Two men were found guilty of interfering with police and firemen in a hearing before Judge Charles W. Ford in Pascagoula police court Friday.

The charges grew out of incidents occurring at a fire last week at the home of Dewey W. Gibson, 1411 Country Club Drive.

One of the men found guilty was Gibson, who drew a suspended sentence of \$25 and 30 days on a charge of interfering with an officer.

The other was his neighbor and brother-in-law Raymond J. Hagemann, 1505 Oliver, who was



A TOURING FIRE WAS BROUGHT TO PASCAGOULA MONDAY by the William Missler family of Bryan, Ohio. Just after their toll bridge, a blaze broke out in the trailer's refrigerator. Stopping the family called the fire department, but the interior was almost

### Navy Men Play For 51 Needy Children

### Rear-End Crash Damages Autos

Two cars were damaged but no one was injured in a highway rear-end crash Saturday, county highway patrolman Harold Jones said.

The accident occurred when a car operated by Warren R. Prouse, 88, Forest St., Moss Point, hit from the rear of a vehicle driven by James H. Reynolds, 2903 Main Street, Moss Point, Jones said.

Prouse had stopped his car and was waiting for another vehicle to make a left turn from the highway north of County Hospital, Jones said.

Reynolds was charged with failing to have his car under control, Jones added.

### Civic, Garden Unit Sponsor Contest

Pinecrest Civic Club will participate in the Pinecrest Garden Club Christmas lighting and decorations contest by matching funds set up by the garden club for prizes.

Three prizes will be offered for winning homes in the Pinecrest sub-division. Judging will be between 7 and 9 p.m. Friday.

The local Legion Post is doing (Continued on Page 6).



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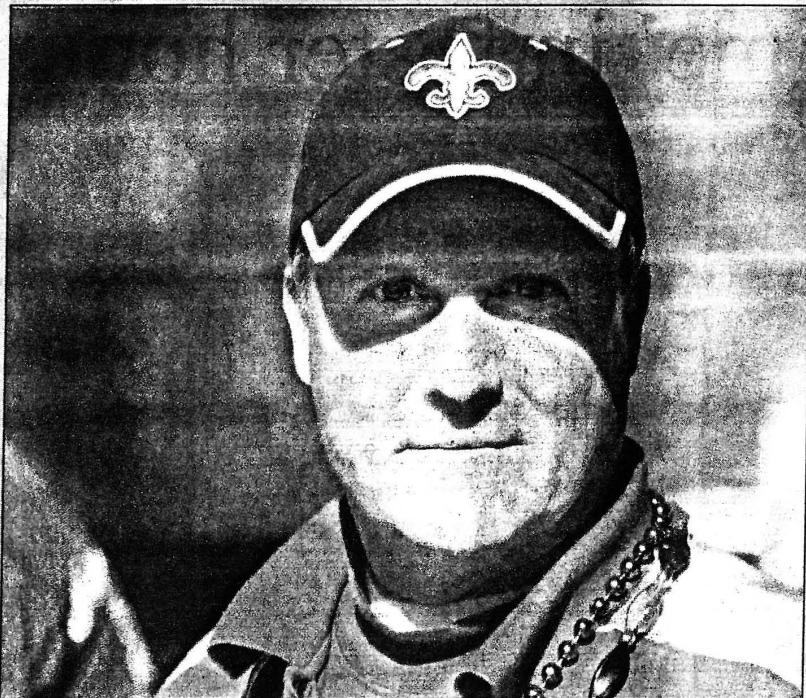
Center John Henley

N. Pascagoula St. late 1820's or  
early 1930's.

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## FACES OF THE COAST



Jon Hauge/The Mississippi Press

### Jerry Henley

Jerry Henley has lived in Vancleave for 12 years. He and his wife, Debbie, have two daughters, Erin and Daniel, and two step-daughters, Laura and Calli. When Henley lived in Moss Point, his boat house was robbed. That unfortunate incident turned into a business. After he installed a security system in his home, he started to get requests from neighbors and friends who

wanted Henley to install security systems. Henley said, "I was getting enough business I had to get a license and I quit my job with the Singing River Hospital System." He has owned and operated his own security business called Digital Security Systems for 17 years. When he isn't running his business, Henley enjoys riding his motorcycle and boating.

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~~PEAK~~

~~Lyda Henley Peak, 89, died~~  
~~September 11, 2000, in Gulfport.~~

~~Mrs. Peak was a native of~~  
~~Pascagoula, and a resident of~~  
~~Long Beach since 1975. She was a~~  
~~member of First Baptist Church~~  
~~of Pascagoula and a 1932 gradu-~~  
~~ate of Chillicothe Business Col-~~  
~~lege, Chillicothe, Mo. Mrs. Peak~~  
~~was a retired bookkeeper. She was~~  
~~employed with the U.S. Postal~~  
~~Service, Brumfield's Bookkeeping~~  
~~Dept., Jackson County Schools,~~  
~~Jackson County Sheriff's Office,~~  
~~and in 1975 she retired from~~  
~~Pascagoula City Schools.~~

~~She was preceded in death by~~  
~~her parents, Judge John D. Hen-~~  
~~ley and Lucille Fleming Henley; a~~  
~~sister, Mrs. Hurstle Lee Ferrer;~~  
~~and a brother, James C. "J.B."~~  
~~Henley.~~

~~Survivors include a daughter,~~  
~~Betty Kay D'Aquila, of Long~~  
~~Beach, Miss.; and a son, John C.~~  
~~Peak of Pascagoula, Miss.; one~~  
~~sister, Mrs. Myrtle Heidelberg;~~  
~~and a brother, Gerald D. Henley,~~  
~~Pascagoula, Miss.; three grand-~~  
~~daughters, Mrs. Rose Pouriraji,~~  
~~and Mrs. Holly Murray, of Long~~  
~~Beach, Miss., and Mrs. Daphne~~  
~~Stewart, of Slidell, La.; five great-~~  
~~grandchildren, Kay Pouriraji,~~  
~~Lyda and Madelyn Murray, of~~  
~~Long Beach, Miss., Dylan and~~  
~~Tyler Stewart, of Slidell, La.~~

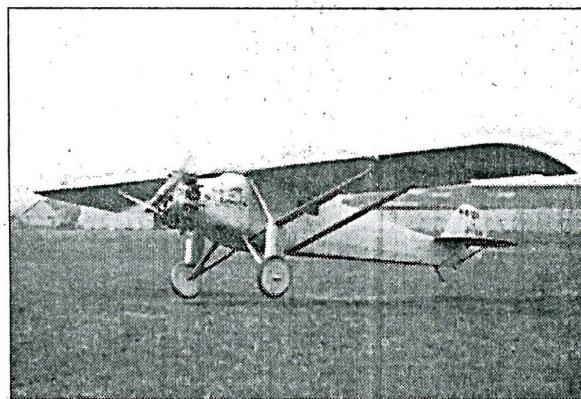
~~Services will be held at Rie-~~  
~~mann Funeral Home Chapel in~~  
~~Long Beach at 3 p.m. Thursday,~~  
~~September 14, 2000. Friends may~~  
~~call 1 hour prior to the service.~~

~~Arrangements by Riemann~~  
~~Funeral Homes, Inc., Long Beach,~~  
~~Miss.~~

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November 26, 1997

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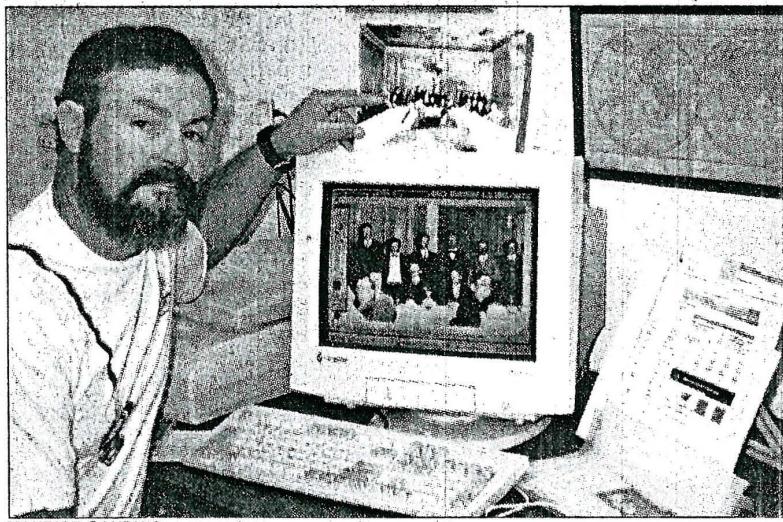


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James K. Henley collection

Charles A. Lindbergh, center above, in one of the photos in James K. Henley's collection is with two men Henley is still trying to identify. His grandfather, William "Bill" Gibson, was involved in the project to build the Spirit of St. Louis for Lindbergh's famous flight. Henley's collection includes several reels of film Gibson took of Lindbergh's plane taking off from a San Diego airport. Henley, right, works on computerized images of old pictures depicting his grandfather and Lindbergh in 1927, shortly before Lindbergh's historic Atlantic crossing.



MAURICE GANDY/Correspondent

# Linkage to Lindbergh

## Irvington man's grandfather may have been a backer of Spirit of St. Louis project

By MAURICE GANDY  
Correspondent

When James K. Henley of Irvington wants to take a flight into history, he is equipped to do it.

Henley, 45, owns photographs and original 16-mm film from his grandfather that record the people and events surrounding Charles A. Lindbergh's takeoff in the shiny, new aircraft the Spirit of St. Louis from North Island (Rockwell Field) in San Diego on May 10, 1927.

Henley's maternal grandfather, William "Bill" Gibson, was a successful electrical contractor in San Diego in 1927.

Henley's mother, Marian Gibson Henley, told her children that she believed her father was one of the local backers of the Spirit of St. Louis project.

Gibson became involved enough in the pre-flight activities to be photographed with Lindbergh at a pre-flight banquet and again with comedian Will Rogers at the San Diego airfield, presumably the day of the flight.

In a two-day flight from San Diego to

New York — with a stop in St. Louis, Mo., to appear with the flight's major financial backers — Lindbergh established a transcontinental air record.

### Trans-Atlantic flight

A week after his arrival in New York, Lindbergh made the historic trans-Atlantic flight that won him the \$25,000 Orteig Prize, the first-ever Distinguished Flying Cross, and a permanent place in American myth and history.

The first nonstop trans-Atlantic flight from New York to Paris by Lindbergh in the Spirit of St. Louis stands as one of the best known historical feats of the 20th century.

Less well known is the fact that Lindbergh's celebrated 1927 flying odyssey started in San Diego, Calif., where the single-winged aircraft was designed and built after Lindbergh had been turned down by other aircraft companies.

In one of his autobiographical works, "The Spirit of St. Louis," Lindbergh explained that he was desperate to have a plane in time to compete with other pilots and companies who were vying for the Orteig prize, offered by New York hotel owner Raymond Orteig in 1919 to the first aviator to make the first nonstop trans-Atlantic flight between New York and Paris.

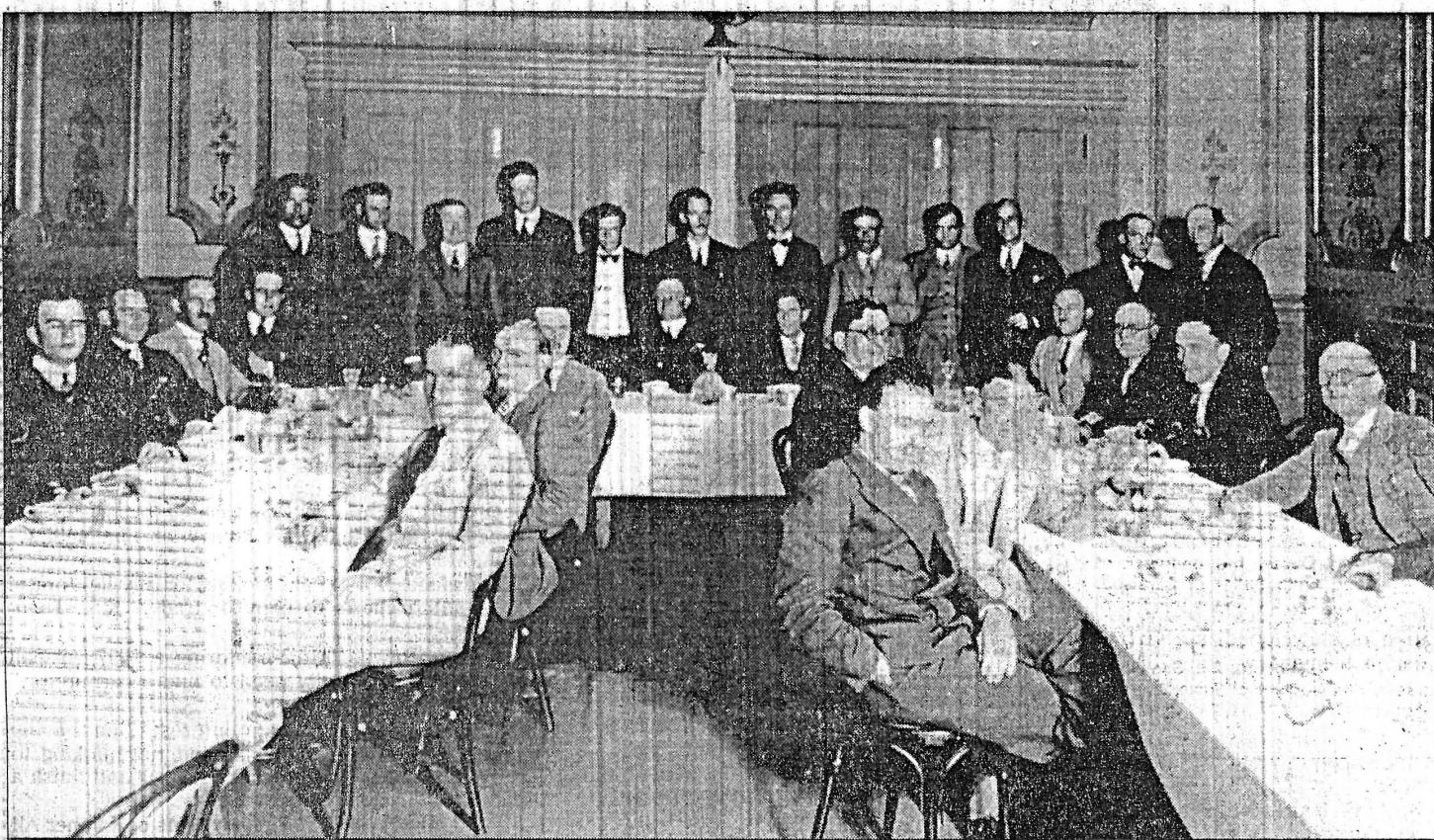
"I'm behind all my competitors," wrote Lindbergh, "So far behind, in fact, that they don't even consider me in the running. Most of them don't even know I exist."

Lindbergh began working with engineers at Ryan Aeronautical Co. in San Diego in the early spring of 1927, and just two months after placing an order for the airplane, he was flight-testing the Spirit of St. Louis in the skies over southern California.

### Parents near runway

Henley's mother told her family that her parents, Clara and William

Please see LINDBERGH on PAGE 4



James K. Henley collection

Charles Lindbergh, fourth from left against back wall, was one of the guests at this banquet in 1927, shortly before Lindbergh made his historic trans-Atlantic flight. William "Bill" Gibson is fourth from right along the back wall. Gibson's grandson is James K. Henley of Irvington, who is hoping to restore pictures and film taken of the Spirit of St. Louis shortly after it was built in San Diego.

## Lindbergh

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Gibson, stood with the crowd near the runway at Rockwell Field on May 10, 1927, and watched the Spirit of St. Louis take off for its flight to New York. Five reels of 16-mm film, shot at the takeoff in San Diego, also recorded the couple posing in front of the Spirit of St. Louis, and then followed Lindbergh's takeoff and disappearance into the sky.

James Henley is able to confirm the events on the film, he said, because he viewed the film as an 8-year-old in Pascagoula. His father, James Cecil Henley, borrowed a 16-mm projector from the Pascagoula Public Library to show the film to his family.

Other small bits of information are helping the research. Henley's mother, who retained the pictures and film until her death a year ago, had written "Last Supper" on the back of the banquet picture, which clearly shows Lindbergh and William Gibson with a number of other well-dressed men, some of them in naval uniforms.

Scraps of paper that Henley's father stuck in the center hole of the metal reels to identify the contents are still in place, although yellowed with age. The penciled identification on each is still legible and reads, "Lindbergh flying the Spirit of St. Louis."

On one reel, the Spirit of St. Louis is shown in a number of frames, taxiing down the runway. On another, Lindbergh's airplane is in the air, evidently shortly after takeoff.

The other photographs have only the professional photographer's names — Erickson and Harold A. Taylor — stamped and written on them.

Henley recently had the four faded photographs of the pre-flight events scanned and computer enhanced, using the expertise of University of South Alabama archives director, Dr. Michael Thomason, and his employees.

The enhanced images have been put on a CD, so Henley can send them electronically to Lindbergh centers in San Diego, St. Louis and the National Archives near Washington, D.C.

### Film stored for years

About 15 years ago, a film processor told Henley's family that the film could not be restored. The standard wisdom, Henley said, was that film from the 1920s, being of a cellulose nitrate base, deteriorated too quickly and was subject to destruction by heat and humidity, even if kept in the original cans.

For the last 15 years, the film was shifted to various storage places with other family memorabilia. Henley's brother, David W. Henley, recently retrieved a cardboard box containing the film from his storage shed in Pascagoula. The five 4-inch reels, some only partial rolls, were loose in the box and not

in film containers.

Initial inspection, however, has proved experts wrong, Henley said. The film, although split and cracked in a few spots, is still shiny and tough. The images, viewed with a monocular viewing device and a household lantern, remain sharp and recognizable.

"You could almost run this 77-year-old film in a projector right now," Henley said.

When not busy at his job as a construction ironworker, Henley will search for a film expert to preserve the film or transfer it to videotape. He hopes it will be in the same manner old Hollywood films from the silent era have been restored.

Henley also has a personal reason for wanting to gain more knowledge of the pictures and the people in them. His grandfather, although from Illinois, moved to Mississippi to be with relatives after suffering business losses in the Great Depression.

But he was killed as a result of a boating accident before Henley was born, so questions remain about his life on the West Coast.

"I hope one day to donate the pictures and the film to a historical society or archives for safekeeping," Henley said. "For now, I am enjoying the research and finding out more about the grandfather I never knew, who played some part in a famous historical event."